PATENT PATENT PATENT (Attorney Docket No. 01-1096) In re Application of: Fritz et al. Serial No. 09/780,206 Filed: February 9, 2001 For: System for Simple Nucleic Acid Analysis PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Attorney Docket No. 01-1096) Examiner S. Chunduru Group Art Unit: 1656

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2004;
 - b) Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and three (3) cited references;
 - c) Form PTO-1449; and
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- 2. With respect to fees:
 - a) No Fee is due.
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